

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Indiana Regulated Amusement Device**  
**Safety Board**  
**Held At**  
**Johnson County Park**  
**250 Fairground Street**  
**Franklin, IN 46131**  
**Heritage Hall**

July 18, 2013

1. The meeting of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Mike Kamp at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, July 18, 2013. A quorum was found to be present.

- (a) The following Board members were present:

Tim Bohlander, Poor Jack Amusements  
David Dahl, Midwestern Engineers  
Max Fitzpatrick, Indiana Fair Association  
Lee Geiling, K & K Insurance  
Danny Huston, North American Midway Entertainment  
Michael Kamp, Holiday World, Chairman

The following Board members were not present:

Ted Bumbleburg, Lafayette Parks Department  
Terrance Hoffman, American Amusement Rides LLC

- (b) The following departmental staff were present

Tom Hendricks, Chief, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section  
Susan Butts, Intern, Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Mara Snyder, Counsel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security

2. Minutes

Chairman Kamp asked for a motion to approve, or for any corrections to be made to, the minutes of the April 19, 2013, meeting. Max Fitzpatrick moved to approve the minutes as submitted, with the second by David Dahl. It was voted upon and carried.

3. Old Business

A continuation of the discussion concerning the regulation of inflatable amusement devices was held. Susan Butts, Intern with the State Fire Marshal's office, had produced a report concerning inflatable amusement devices and their regulation in a number of other states. The report reflected which states regulated the devices, how they were regulated and the type, if any, of inspections of the devices. The chairman complimented her on how comprehensive the report was, and thanked her. Mara Snyder, Counsel, suggested the members of the Board look at the exceptions in the Illinois rule and consider including this language in their rule. Kentucky, she noted, had language concerning the description of the regulated entity. She suggested that the members of the Board, before they approach legislators about carrying the bill, have a clear idea of what and who they wish to regulate, in order to answer questions by the legislators. Certification of compliance in lieu of inspections by the IDHS staff, due to the short amount of time it takes to put up and take down a unit, was also discussed. Danny Huston stated he would be in Illinois, and would speak to some of the inspectors he knew there concerning their regulation.

Liz Blystone, Indy East Inflatables, addressed the Board. She stated she was unsure of how far the Board wished to go with their regulations, because of concern about how customers may alter an installation after set-up is completed and her employees leave. She noted there was an organization which provides a training videos certification program called Basic Inflatables Safety Operations Certification. She stated certification of operational training, under a recognized program, should be required, as well as mandatory liability insurance. Tim Bohlander explained that the intention was to regulate large events like fairs and festivals which are public access events, not private backyard birthday parties.

Pat Carmichael, Bounce About Indy, had attended the January meeting, and liked what he was hearing. He agreed it was time for regulation, including mandatory liability insurance. He felt this would help deter the person who rents an inflatable purchased at Wal-Mart, or a non-commercially manufactured inflatable. He also liked the idea of inspection certification for owners, but had concerns about adopting the ASTM standard (F2374) in its entirety. He also volunteered to serve on any working committee put together by the Board.

Nathan Suddarth, Kid Zone Party Rentals, also addressed the Board. He suggested the Board be careful when looking at other states. He stated that he felt Illinois regulated for income, while Kentucky and Texas were national role models - being business friendly and concerned with safety. He offered SIOTA as a group that provides training, and he also supported mandatory liability insurance. Notification when regulations begin was also a concern, and the need for inspectors to follow manufacturer guidelines was expressed. He also noted that he had never been asked if his equipment had been inspected, and he thought it important that the renters need to know they should ask about inspection and insurance.

Following discussion of the presentations, a possible system was discussed. The Regulated Amusement Device Safety Section would collect and process proof of training and insurance from the owners of the devices, and would then return a certificate of compliance and seal to be placed on their blowers. It was also suggested that a list of companies which met the requirements and complied with the regulations be posted on the Section's website for use by the general public.

Ms. Snyder explained the legislative process, and noted that they needed to begin working with legislators now if they wished to have the proposed rule changes submitted for consideration in January. The members of the Board expressed support for the proposed action.

#### 4. New Business

Zipline devices had been submitted for discussion. Susan Butts, Intern, had provided a report on other states' regulation of zipline devices. Tom Hendricks, IDHS, noted he had concerns about how the lines met the definition of a regulated amusement device, and how they would be inspected. Other states do regulate them. Ms. Snyder suggested that, if the Board felt they were a regulated amusement device, a nonrule policy could be drafted. Noting his staff was already trained in inspecting cables, Mr. Hendricks suggested the harnesses be inspected by a third party. The question of who would do the inspection of structures was also raised, as many are wooden structures. It was also noted that F2959-12-ASTM was a zip line standard, which also covered challenge courses, and it would have to be adopted if zip lines were to be regulated.

Following further discussion, Danny Houston moved that zip lines are covered by the existing definition of regulated amusement devices. Tim Bolander made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Ms. Snyder was to draft a nonrule policy for the October meeting, with the effective date of January 1, 2014. It was suggested John Erickson, Public Information Officer for IDHS, be contacted about how best to get the word out about the policy and compliance requirements.

5. Report from Chief Inspector

Tom Hendricks, Chief, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section, reported about an organization called CARES, a group of chief inspectors from many states that discuss regulations of various amusement devices, usually meeting at NAARSO conventions. Mr. Hendricks expressed an interest in participating in the organization, noting that there were no fees involved.

6. Questions from the Audience

No questions were posed.

7. The next meeting was scheduled for October 3, 2013, and was to be held at Lafayette Parks.

8. Adjourn

Calling for any further business and hearing none, Chairman Mike Kamp closed the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Mike Kamp, Chairman